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FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE TO BE USED FOLLOWING
SCC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JAN 30. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL
OF TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON JAN 30, 1974, AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
ATTENDING THE MEETING FOR JAPAN WERE MR. MASAYOSHI OHIRA,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MR. SADANORI YAMANAKA, DIRECTOR-GEN
ERAL
OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY. ATTENDING FOR THE UNITED STATES WERE
MR. THOMAS P. SHOESMITH, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM, AND
ADMIRAL NEOL A. M. GAYLER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, UNITED STATES
FORCES, PACIFIC. MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE CURRENT
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS THE COMMON SECURITY INTERESTS
OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FAR EAST.

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3. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP COMPOSED OF DIPLOMATIC AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 1973 IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY TREATY, HAS MET NINE TIMES, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAS SERVED AS A USEFUL FORUM FOR CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION TOWARD ENSURING THE SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY TREATY AND ITS RELATED ARRANGEMENTS. THE COMMITTEE, AT THE SAME TIME, AGREED TO MAKE CONTINUED USE OF THE GROUP IN PURSUIT OF THESE GOALS.

4. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLANS FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE FACILITIES AND AREAS IN JAPAN WHICH WERE AGREED ON AT THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED AND ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES AND AREAS IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS UTILIZING VARIOUS CHANNELS INCLUDING THE SECURITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP. THE COMMITTEE AFFIRMED THAT THIS REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ARDENT DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE ON THIS MATTER.

THE PROJECT IS COMPOSED OF "FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR TOTAL OR PARTIAL RELEASE CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RELOCATION ARRANGEMENTS," AND "FACILITIES AND AREAS WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION." THE DETAILS OF THIS PROJECT ARE SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED LIST.
(NOTE: LIST TO BE SENT SEPTEL.)

WHEN THIS PROJECT OF REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THE AREA RELEASED WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY (TO BE FILLED IN) SQUARE KILOMETERS, AND THE EXISTING FACILITIES AND AREAS IN USE BY THE UNITED STATES FORCES WILL BE DECREASED BY (TO BE FILLED IN) PERCENT. BOTH THE JAPANESE AND U.S. SIDES WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO KADENASON, TAKING NOTE OF THE STRONG INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS.

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BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTIONS TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT FOR REALIGNMENT AND CONSOLIDATION, INCLUDING THE NECESSARY WORK IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

5. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED LABOR MATTERS RELATING TO U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN. BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO DO THEIR BEST TO ALLEVIATE THE HARDSHIPS TO ALL PERSONNEL AFFECTED BY ANY FUTURE REDUCTIONS IN FORCE, INCLUDING MAKING EVERY EFFORT

TO ASSIST THE JAPANESE EMPLOYEES IN FINDING NEW EMPLOYMENT.

6. (AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WE HAVE AGREED
TO WORK OUT A FINAL PARAGRAPH ON MONDAY, JAN 28, NOTING
THAT BOTH SIDES CONSIDER THE SCC MEETINGS USEFUL IN PROMOTING
UNDERSTANDING AND ENSURING COOPERATIVE US-JAPAN SECURITY RELA-
TIONS, ETC. WE WILL FORWARD TO ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS WORDING
AGREED ON.)

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